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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312
Art Unit 2854**

PATENT

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In re Application of:

Inventor: Wittich KAULE **Application No.:** 10/724,122
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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This application has been allowed pursuant to a Notice of Allowance mailed November 5, 2004. The issue and publication fees are not yet paid.

Currently, claims 1-9 are allowed in the application.

In reviewing the claims prior to payment of the issue fee, it was noted that claim 1 contains a typographical error and the language of claim 5 is inconsistent with claim 1 from which it depends. This current amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is proposed to correct the typographical error and to render claim 5 consistent with claim 1, as will be explained in more detail in the following remarks.

It will be evident that no new issues are presented by this amendment that require detailed consideration or additional searching, and it is not believed that the amendment will affect the patentability of the claims.

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Accordingly, entry of the amendment is believed to be appropriate.

In the Claims

An amendment of the claims is presented below under the heading "Amendment of the Claims."